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MINNESOTA CORN, SOYBEANS, SUGARBEETS, DRY BEANS TO BREAK RECORDS

Based on the August 1st conditions, Minnesota **CORN** production is forecast at 1.25 billion bushels, up slightly from 2009 production, according to the USDA, NASS Minnesota Field Office. The yield forecast of 178 bushels per acre is up 4 bushels from 2009. If realized, these levels of production and yield would be new record highs for Minnesota. Expected area to be harvested, at 7.00 million acres, is a decrease of 150 thousand acres from a year ago.

SOYBEAN production is forecast at 326 million bushels, up 14 percent from last year's production, and, if realized, would be a record high level of production. The yield is forecast at 44 bushels per acre, 4 bushels above 2009's yield. Expected area for harvest is 7.41 million acres.

The **SPRING WHEAT** crop is estimated at 90.8 million bushels, up 10 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 55 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from the July forecast, but up 2 bushels per acre from last year.

BARLEY production is forecast at 4.34 million bushels, down 11 percent from 2009. Yield is forecast at 62 bushels per acre, up five bushels from July and one bushel from last year.

OAT production is estimated at 10.7 million bushels, down 12 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 71 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from the July forecast but unchanged from 2009.

The **SUGARBEET** crop is estimated at 11.5 million tons, up 8 percent from 2009's production level. Yield is estimated at 27.0 tons per acre, up 3.3 tons from last year's 23.7 tons per acre. If realized, this yield would be a record high level.

This year's **DRY BEAN** production is estimated at 3.04 million hundredweight, up 21 percent from last year, and a record high production. Yield is forecast at 1,900 pounds per acre.

Minnesota's **ALFALFA HAY** production is estimated at 4.2 million tons, up 8 percent from 2009. Yield is forecast at 3.5 tons per acre, up 0.5 ton per acre from last year.

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

Corn production is forecast at a record high 13.4 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the previous record set in 2009. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average a record high 165.0 bushels per acre, up 0.3 bushel from last year's record of 164.7.

Soybean production is forecast at a record high 3.43 billion bushels, up 2 percent from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 44.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from last year's record high yield.

Other spring wheat production is forecast at 633 million bushels, up 4 percent last month and 8 percent above last year. If realized, this will be the third largest production on record, trailing only 1992 and 1996. The expected area to be harvested for grain totals 13.6 million acres, unchanged from last month but up 5 percent from last year.

MINNESOTA & U.S. HARVESTED ACRES, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION 2009 AND FORECASTED AUGUST 1, 2010

COMMODITY	2009 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2010 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2009 YIELD	2010 YIELD	2009 PRODUCTION (000)	2010 PRODUCTION (000)
MINNESOTA						
CORN (Bu)	7,150	7,000	174.0	178.0	1,244,100	1,246,000
SOYBEANS (Bu)	7,120	7,410	40.0	44.0	284,800	326,040
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	1,550	1,650	53.0	55.0	82,150	90,750
BARLEY (Bu)	80	70	61.0	62.0	4,880	4,340
OATS (Bu)	170	150	71.0	71.0	12,070	10,650
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	449	426	23.7	27.0	10,641	11,502
DRY BEANS 1/	140	160	1,800	1,900	2,520	3,040
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	1,300	1,200	3.00	3.50	3,900	4,200
OTHER HAY (Ton)	750	800	1.80	1.90	1,350	1,520
UNITED STATES						
CORN (Bu)	79,590	81,005	164.7	165.0	13,110,062	13,365,225
SOYBEANS (Bu)	76,372	77,986	44.0	44.0	3,359,011	3,433,370
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	12,955	13,590	45.1	46.6	584,411	633,245
BARLEY (Bu)	3,113	2,546	73.0	72.3	227,323	184,032
OATS (Bu)	1,379	1,315	67.5	66.3	93,081	87,239
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	1,149	1,146	25.7	28.3	29,563	32,425
DRY BEANS 1/	1,463	1,708	1,733	1,798	25,360	30,700
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	21,227	20,732	3.35	3.49	71,030	72,455
OTHER HAY (Ton)	38,528	38,924	1.98	2.09	76,412	81,439

1/ Yield in lb: production in cwt.